GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3412
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2000
DAMAGED BRIDGES ON NH-5
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bridges on National Highway No. 5 across the river Vogeru near Chilakaluripet in Guntur district was damaged due to floods in 1999;

(b) if so, whether repair work has since been undertaken;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the response of the National Highways Authority of India is not encouragingtowards the damages caused to National Highways or bridges due to natural calamities;

(e) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government to restore the traffic on the damaged roads or bridges; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)(MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) Yes sir;

(b) & (c) Repair work to the bridge was taken up by National Highways Authority of India soon after occurrence of the damages. However, the repair work had to be abandoned in view of further damages caused by a subsequent flood in October, 1999 and a diversion road was constructed and opened to traffic in November, 1999.

(d) No sir; National Highways Authority of India takes prompt measures to restore traffic.

(e) No sir;

(f) Does not arise.